

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims below.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for billing a communications link established via an Internet between a first communications terminal and a mobile target communications terminal of a packet-oriented mobile radio network, comprising:

routing a set-up message relating to the first communications link by the first communications terminal via the Internet to a network node of the mobile radio network, the network node determining a call charge computer, wherein charge payment data relating to the first communications terminal are stored;

transmitting a charge request relating to the communications link ~~is transmitted by the~~ network node to the call charge computer ;

performing a check by the call charge computer, as to whether the charges relating to the communications link at the mobile radio network end are being borne at the communications terminal end; and

sending a response message, including a result of the check, ~~is sent to the~~ network node by the call charge computer, wherein

if there is a positive result for the check in the mobile radio network, the communications link to the target communications terminal is established, or

if there is a negative result for the check in the mobile radio network, the establishment of the communications link is aborted.

2. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein a link node connecting the Internet to the mobile radio network is used as a network node.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein an element of a data packet control system that controls the establishment of the link is used as a network node.

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the first communications terminal is linked to the Internet via an Internet access network.
5. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 4, wherein a network computer of the Internet access network is used as a call charge computer.
6. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein a network computer of the mobile radio network is used as a call charge computer.
7. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein an Internet computer of the Internet is used as a call charge computer.
8. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein via the response message, information is sent to the network node stating that the charges that are incurred in relation to the communications link are being borne at the first communications terminal end, call charge data relating to the charges are recorded in the call charge computer, and a charge payment is effected by an operator of the communications terminal to an operator of the mobile radio network.
9. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein
information is transmitted, by means of the response message, to the network node stating that the charges incurred with respect to the communications link are being borne at the first communications terminal end up to a pre-selected maximum level;
call charge data relating to the charges are recorded in the call charge computer, and
a charge payment is effected via the call charge computer by an operator of the communications terminal to an operator of the mobile radio network.
10. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 9, wherein the communications link is terminated if a charge level recorded with the call charge data reaches the maximum level.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 9, wherein when a charge level recorded with the call charge data reaches the maximum level, an additional charge payment is effected and henceforth a fresh recording of the call charge data, starting at the zero charge level is effected.

12. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein via the response message, information is transmitted to the network node stating that a proportion of the charges that are incurred in relation to the communications link are being borne at the first communications terminal end,

call charge data relating to the proportion of the charges are recorded in the call charge computer, and that

a charge payment to an operator of the mobile radio network is effected by an operator of the communications terminal through the call charge computer.

13. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 8, wherein further call charge data are recorded in a memory of the mobile radio network to check charge payment procedures during the call charge payment that has been effected by comparing the call charge data recorded in the call charge computer with the further call charge data recorded in the memory of the mobile radio network.

14. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 8, wherein during the call charge payment that has been effected, the call charges are divided between the operator of the call charge computer and the operator of the mobile radio network.

15. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein

before the response message is transmitted by the call charge computer, the transmission to the first communications terminal of an information message relating to the call charges is effected,

the receipt of the information message is confirmed by means of a confirmation message issued by the first communications terminal, and

after the confirmation message has been received, the response message is transmitted to the network node by the call charge computer.

16. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 15, wherein

a proceed-to-dial relating to the call charges is transmitted to the first communications terminal together with the information message, and

a selection is made by the first communications terminal in response to the proceed-to-dial, and information relating to the selection that has been made is transmitted by means of the confirmation message to the call charge computer.